

## **AMENDMENT**

**1.** (Currently Amended) A method for authenticating a device connecting to a first network, comprising:

~~evaluating~~ **determining** a history of one or more previously terminated connections of said device to at least one other network;

evaluating an integrity of data content of said device based on said history; and

providing a result of said evaluation.

**2.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of determining if said device connected to at least one untrusted network.

**3.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of determining if said device connected to at least one unknown network.

**4.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of determining if a token on said device has been altered.

**5.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of logging an address of each network that said device accessed.

**6.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a scope of said evaluating step is based on properties of said at least one other network.

**7.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a scope of said evaluating step is based on one or more defined content authentication rules.

**8.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said evaluating step further comprises the step of performing a virus scan.

**9.** (Previously Presented) An apparatus for authenticating a device connecting to a first network, comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

determine if said device previously connected evaluate a history of one or more previously terminated connections of said device to at least one other network;

evaluate an integrity of data content of said device based on said history whether said device previously connected to at least one other network; and

provide a result of said evaluation.

**10.** (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processor IS further configured to determine if a token on said device has been altered.

**11.** (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processor is further configured to evaluate a log of addresses of each network that said device accessed.

**12.** (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein a scope of said evaluating step is based on properties of said at least one other network.

**13.** (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processor is further configured to control a scope of said evaluation based on one or more defined content authentication rules.

**14-23** (Cancelled).